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ACTION NEA-10

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FM USINT BAGHDAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2789

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TAGS: CASC, CPRS, US, IZ
SUBJECT: HAMMER FAMILY

REF: STATE 23646

1. HAMMERS PAID VISIT TO USINT ON FEBRUARY 9. THEY REPORTED THAT, WHILE AT BAGHDAD RESIDENCE (IMMIGRATION) DEPARTMENT ON OTHER BUSINESS JANUARY 29, OFFICIAL THERE CONFIDED THAT A "STRONGLY WORDED" LETTER FROM MFA HAD BEEN RECEIVED. LETTER, WHICH OFFICIAL SAID WAS CLASSIFIED, DEALT WITH HAMMER CASE. IN LETTER MFA WAS SAID TO BE URGING RESIDENCE DEPARTMENT TO MAAE APPROACHES TO MININT (SECURITY) OFFICIALS IN ORDER OBTAIN APPROVAL ISSUE HAMMER EXIT VISAS. LETTER ALLEGEDLY POINTED OUT THAT DELAY WAS CAUSING "PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT" TO GOI.

2. OFFICIAL HIMSELF QUIETLY EXPRESSED DISGUST AT GOI TREATMENT OF HAMMERS. HE PROMISED CABLE HAMMERS IN HILLA AS SOON AS REPLY RECEIVED TO HIS QUERY TO SECURITY, WHICH HE SAID WAS SENT ON JANUARY 27.

3. COMMENT: THIS DEVELOPMENT REVEALS THAT USINT REPRESENTATIONS TO MFA BEGINNING TO TRICKLE THROUGH TO IRAQI SECURITY BUREAUCRACY, ALTHOUGH WITH AGONIZING SLOWNESS. IT IS ALSO NOTABLE THAT FONMIN NOW ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL THIS CASE HAS FOR ADVERSE PUBLICITY. UNFORTUNATE FACT OF
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INTERNAL GOI POLITICS IS THAT APPROACHES TO MFA

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OFFICIALS AS HIGH AS AL-WALI CAN ONLY RESULT IN LETTERS TO SECURITY VIA RESIDENCE DEPARTMENT-- DEMONSTRATING FURTHER THE GRIP SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE OVER ALL AREAS OF IRAQI OFFICIALDOM.

4. WITH REGARD PROPOSAL PARA (3) REFTEL, WOULD PREFER SEE AL-WAHU ONCE MORE THIS WEEK BEFORE ACTING.
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